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of parents undergoing considerable privations rather than deny their children education; and in many families it has become a matter of ordinary routine to send the children to school. This only refers to the younger children; for after boys have attained their fourteenth or fifteenth year, their parents grow impatient for their pecuniary assistance. It is the custom among the Khásiás to learn very young children to work, so that they may earn enough to support themselves as soon as ever they can manage amp and basket. It is common for a boy to realize from ten *pice* to five *annás* a day for his parents; and it is considered sufficient sacrifice for the latter to have kept him at school up to his fourteenth year.'

KHASI STATES.—The following is a list of the nineteen semi-independent Khásiá States or Democracies, with the particulars of information that are available for each, taken from the Assam Administration Report for 1875-76:—

(1) BALIPUNG or WAHADAM.—Name of Siem, U Ramon Singh, age in 1876, 26 years; approximate population of State, 360; estimated gross revenue—from market dues, Rs. 10; from *mahálsiá* on lime quarry, Rs. 18,000—total, Rs. 18,010, or £1,800; products, rice, millet, *supári* or betel leaves, black pepper, *Piper nigrum*; minerals, lime.

(2) CHERRA or SOHRA.—Siem, U Hiljan Mitsh, aged 40; population, 8,060; revenue—from market dues, Rs. 3,000; judicial fines, Rs. 150; *mahálsiá* on lime quarry, Rs. 200; *mahálsiá* bathing in Sylhet, Rs. 1,500—total, Rs. 8650, or £865; products, cotton, millet, betel-nuts, *pán*, oranges, black pepper, *Piper nigrum*, chillies, turmeric, ginger, and honey; manufactures, bamboo mats and bamboo baskets; minerals, lime, iron, and coal.

(3) SMYLLIA.—Wheadkhiár, U Jiedi, aged 29, and U Ri Singh, aged 35, of whom the former can read and write both Khásiá and Bengálí a little; population, 3,511; revenue—from market dues, Rs. 300; judicial fines, Rs. 400—total, Rs. 700, or £70; products, oranges, betel-nuts, and pine-apples; manufactures, bamboo mats and bamboo baskets; minerals, lime and coal.

(4) KYRIAM or NONGKREM.—Siem, U Khar Singh, aged 31; population, 10,304; revenue—from pension allowed by the British Government, Rs. 180; market dues, Rs. 3,000; judicial fines, Rs. 400; *mahálsiá* on lime quarry, Rs. 1,500; contributions for State purposes, Rs. 1000—total, Rs. 12,100, or £1210; products, rice, cotton, millet, 'Jubi's tears,' cassia-bark, cinnamon, *salpétre*,